



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOSHUA COATES

Application No.: 09/695,499

Filed: December 23, 2000

For: A NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM

Art Group: 2166

Examiner: Joon H. Hwang

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of IDS Citation Form PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449, together with copies of the documents cited on that form, except for copies not required to be submitted (e.g., copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications need not be enclosed). This IDS and IDS Citation Form are being submitted concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered and that the enclosed copy of PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s).

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made in the subject application and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Date: September 14, 2006



Gregory D. Caldwell, Reg. No. 39,926

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025
Telephone: (503) 439-8778

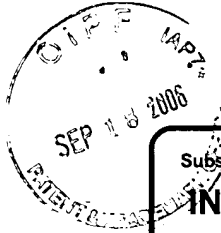
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Julie Dussault

09-14-06

Date



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO <b style="font-size: 1.2em;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>			Complete if Known
Sheet 1 of 1	Application Number 09/695,499 Filing Date December 23, 2000 First Named Inventor Joshua Coates Art Unit 2166 Examiner Name Joon H. Hwang Attorney Docket Number 42390P19172		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Document Number Number - Kind Code² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 6574,641 B1	06-03-2003	Dawson et al.	
		US- 6,507,883 B1	01-14-2003	Bello et al.	
		US- 6,272,584 B1	08-07-2001	Stancil	
		US-2004/0078465 A1	04-22-2004	Coates et al.	
		US-2004/0078466 A1	04-22-2004	Coates et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Foreign Patent Document Country Code³ - Number⁴ - Kind Code⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear T*

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.

†Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ‡See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. §Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ¶For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ¶¶Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ¶¶¶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Based on PTO/SB/08A (08-03) as modified by Blakey, Sokoff, Taylor & Zafman (w/r) 08/11/2003.